State/UTs.	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1996-97*	*1997-98 April-June*
Andhra Pradesh	602688	621656	647148	1871492
Karnataka	455696	484690	503150	1443536
Kerala	272537	287167	284753	844457
Tamil Nadu	668258	675276	695436	2038970
Pondicherry	14860	15012	15200	45072
Lakshadweep	876	888	908	2672
TOTAL:	8837562	9159785	9510157	2507504

Fuel Allocation to Karnataka Power Projects

1192. PROF. RAM KAPSE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had sanctioned over 1900 M.W. liquid fuel allocation against the initial sanction of 1160 M.W. for the power projects in Karnataka State;

(b) whether Government have given directives to with-hold releasing fuel allocation to power companies and asked the State to rework on lists of projects restricting the total energy capacity on liquid fuel to the sanction of 1160 M.W.; and

(c) if so, with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS. (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The State of Karnataka was allotted a total capacity of 1160 M.W. of power generation based on liquid fuels out of 12000 MW proposed for the whole country. The State Government of Karnataka recommended 18 on-land projects of 1592.30 MW and 606 M.W. for 4 barge-mounted projects based on liquid fuels. Based on the recommendations of the State Government of Karnataka, the Ministry of Power recommended provisional linkage for 17 on-land projects of 1392.40 MW and 4 barge-mounted projects for 606 MW. Since the recommended capacity for liquid fuels was more than that originally allotted to Karnataka, the State Government was requested through Ministry of Power to reconsider and reprioritise their power projects so as to be within the allotted capacity. The State Government of Karnataka has reconsidered and accordingly on the recommendation of Ministry of Power, provisional fuel linkage has been issued for 16 projects for 1197.4 MW and 4 barge-mounted power projects for 606 MW on 21.7.1997 by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, in accordance with the final policy on the subject. Additionally, linkage has also been given to one project of 200 MW in Karnataka, beyond the allocated capacity. Barge-mounted plants of Andhra Pradesh have also been given linkage beyond the allocated capacity of the State, under the general decision.

Increase in Price of LPG and Diesel

1193. SHRI LAKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the prices of LPG and diesel; and

(b) if not, how oil pool deficit is likely to cover up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The Government have been exploring various options to contain the deficit in the pool account and reduce the subsidy on some of the petroleum products. The extent of reduction in

subsidy would depend on various factors like international prices, tariff policy and demand etc.

HPCL Pipeline In Andhra Pradesh

1194. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4368 given in the Rajya Sabha on 15th May, 1997 and state:

(a) whether an in-depth study has been done on the specific representation in question on the pipeline of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that no reply or clarification has been given to the representation;

(c) whether HPCL sought to clarify matters; and

(d) the number and venue of meeting held by HPCL in this regard in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The matter has been reviewed by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) to ensure that payment of compensation to all concerned are made strictly as per the provisions of Petroleum & Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of ROU in Land) Act, 1962.

(b) and (c) The issue mentioned in the representation were clarified in a detailed reply to the Member of Parliament, who had forwarded the representation.

(d) So far no direct meeting has been held by HPCL in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh. HPCL have since been advised to immediately get in touch with the representationist and provide the necessary clarifications required by him.

Vijayawada-Vishakhapatnam Pipeline

1195. SHRI V. HANUMATHA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited made a consolidated list of all farmers and house holders through whose property the proposed Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam pipeline passes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the compensation paid in financial terms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) HPCL have made a list of all owners of land through which the pipeline passes. The pipeline passes mainly through agricultural land, avoiding permanent structures and household properties. There is no acquisition of land in the case of laying of pipelines. As per the Petroleum & Mineral Pipeline (Acquisition of ROU in Land) Act, 1962, only right of use of land is acquired. After the pipeline is buried under the earth, the land is restored back to the owners, with certain conditions, for normal cultivations, etc.

(c) The payment of compensation is made to the Competent Authority as per the provisions of the law. HPCL has already deposited an amount of Rs.23,78,941/—with the Competent Authority for this purpose for lands in Vizag and West Godavari Districts. The Competent Authority has so far disbursted an amount of Rs.5,85,474/—to the farmers.

Governments Decision to Share Profits with Oil Companies

1196. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to give its share of profits to oil companies from the oil field and exploration blocks which were given to the private sector in 1994; and